

SAVA 73-74

11 May 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Mr. Samuel Adams' Plans

1. At about 1000 Friday, 11 May, I called Mr. Adams to inform him that the session with Messrs. Moose and Lowenstein scheduled for 1530 that afternoon was probably going to be slipped to Monday (14 May). As you will recall, this is the session on Cambodia (probably instigated by private conversations between Messrs. Adams and Moose) in which Moose and Lowenstein -- on Senator Symington's behalf -- want to talk about our intelligence and estimates on this subject. They primarily wanted to talk to Mr. Adams, but you had decided that in any such conversation Mr. Maury (or a representative of his office) and I should be present.


2. Mr. Adams thanked me for informing him of the prospective schedule change. He then added (rather truculently) that I should be aware that he was in the process of setting up similar appointments with a number of Congressional figures to discuss Cambodian intelligence (and, presumably, the Agency's deficiencies therein). He rattled off a long list of names that I did not catch in its entirety, but included thereon were Senators Case, Javits and Muskie. After rattling off his list, Mr. Adams immediately added that he was planning to resign and hence I "could not threaten him." Firmly but in a low key I told Mr. Adams that though I considered his judgment woefully deficient, I had no intention whatsoever of threatening him nor was I in any position to do so.

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3. At this point, Mr. Adams reverted to the Moose-Lowenstein session and asked if I had made any decision on release of the documents. (As you may recall, a girl in Symington's office had contacted Mr. Maury's office requesting two Agency studies on Cambodia. She did not have their titles and assigned them the wrong year of issuance. Hence, when the request was initially received we were honestly unable to identify what documents were being referred to. Mr. Adams promptly rectified this problem by furnishing copies of three documents that Symington/Moose wanted, all of them written by him. These are the documents in question.) I told Mr. Adams that the decision on release was not mine to make and that I had not yet had a chance to discuss this topic with appropriate senior officials, including yourself. I did not tell Mr. Adams that one reason I had asked Maury's office to slip the Moose-Lowenstein session was that I had planned to bring the documents with me to the Monday morning (14 May) Executive Committee meeting and discuss the release question there.

4. Mr. Adams professed to understand my problems on the release matter, thanked me again for alerting him to the schedule change and -- quite cordially -- said he would see me Monday.

  
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